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Glen Canyon News Release

Swimmer Fatality at Farley Canyon

Page, AZ – A 17 year old male, Derrick Radley Bedoni, of Oljato, Utah, drowned Sunday on Lake Powell in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.

A group of family and friends were celebrating Father's Day in Farley Canyon near Hite, Utah. Bedoni and a friend were attempting to swim across Farley Canyon when, approximately 35 yards from shore, Bedoni began to experience difficulty. His friend attempted to assist Bedoni but could not do so alone. Other family members began swimming toward Bedoni but did not reach him before he went under water. Neither swimmer was wearing a life jacket.

National Park Service Rangers responded to a call from the family on Sunday but were unable to recover the body. Park dive staff arrived on Monday and recovered the body in 19- feet of water. This was the first fatality in Glen Canyon in 2008.

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